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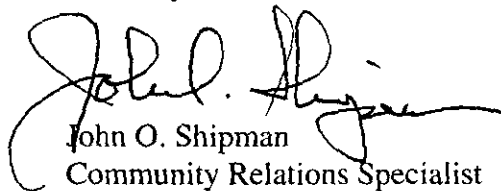
Subject: Summary of Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting, November 18, 1996,
and Proposed Agenda for RAB Meeting on January 27, 1997

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for your review and approval is the meeting summary for the November 18, 1996, RAB meeting. Dudley Patrick of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southern Division, has reviewed this summary. Also enclosed is a draft agenda for the upcoming January 27, 1997, RAB meeting.

If you have any comments or questions, please call Chuck Bryan or me at 803-649-7963.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures (2)

cc: Dudley Patrick, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southern Division
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**NAVAL AIR STATION KEY WEST
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY**

7:00 p.m.
November 18, 1996
Holiday Inn Beachside, Tortuga Room
Key West, Florida

Restoration Advisory Board Members Present:

Ron Demes, Navy Co-Chair
Robin Orlandi, Community Member
Dudley Patrick, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Dent Pierce, Community Member
Jim Smith, Community Member
Mimi Stafford, Community Member

Other government or contractor personnel present:

Jim Reed, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Karen Snodgrass, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Luis Vazquez, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Lt. Jonathan Hupp, NAS Key West Public Affairs Officer
Phillip Williams, NAS Key West Public Works Office
Lisa Gordon, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Chuck Bryan, Brown & Root Environmental
Paul Calligan, Brown & Root Environmental
Scott Flickinger, Brown & Root Environmental
Kevin Donnelly, Brown & Root Environmental
Mark Speranza, Brown & Root Environmental
Kevin Walter, Brown & Root Environmental

Members of the public present (who signed the attendance sheet):

Rev. Barbara Black, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition for the Homeless
R. L. Blazevic, Key West, Florida
Cecile Daniels, LTSG, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
Fran Ford, Florida Keys Audubon Society
William Ford, Florida Keys Audubon Society
Pat Valerga, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition for the Homeless

Welcome

Mr. Demes opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.
Announcement of Selection of RAB Community Co-Chair for 1997

Mr. Smith announced that the community members of the RAB selected Ms. Loder to retain her position as Community Co-Chair for 1997.

Public Comment Management for This Meeting

Mr. Demes stated that the public could make comments and ask questions at the conclusion of each presentation.

Old Business

There was no old business for this meeting.

Update on Interim Remedial Activities

Mr. Patrick reviewed the status of the Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU)-9 pump-and-treat system and the Installation Restoration Site 8 (IR-8) Erosion Control System. He discussed the design of the system at SWMU-9, and explained the groundwater extraction and treatment system has been operating as expected with the exception of minor problems associated with a lightning strike and biological fouling; the Navy responded quickly to resolve both problems. Mr. Patrick also presented the specifications for the IR-8 Erosion Control System, construction of which should begin in early 1997.

Conclusions from the Draft RCRA Facility Investigation Report

Mr. Walter reviewed the conclusions presented in the draft report on the results of sampling performed at high-priority sites on Boca Chica in January 1996. The conclusions for SWMU-1 indicate a potential ecological and human health risk. Brown & Root Environmental is performing further field investigation of the groundwater at SWMU-1 to support the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Measures Study (CMS), which it will complete by February 24, 1997. SWMU-2 probably will not require additional cleanup but the report recommends additional ecological monitoring, the nature of which will be subject to the RCRA CMS. The report recommends no further action at SWMU-3, which means that a CMS will not be necessary at that site. Finally, the report recommends that the Navy continue the operation of the groundwater treatment system at SWMU-9 and perform a CMS to confirm that additional actions are not required.

Mr. Walter also discussed a proposal for no further action at IR-2 and -6. Historical records and sampling results at these two sites do not indicate a release of contamination to the environment. The RAB agreed to review the proposal and provide written comments to NAS Key West within

30 days, or by December 18, 1996. The Navy will submit the proposal to the regulators after the resolution of RAB comments.

BRAC Environmental Baseline Survey Results

Mr. Reed summarized the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process for NAS Key West. He discussed the groups and agencies that are involved in the BRAC process, the main steps involved in transferring government property, and the primary legal requirements for a successful transfer of property.

Ms. Snodgrass summarized results from recent environmental baseline surveys (EBSs) conducted for the BRAC sites. One of the benefits of the EBS is that it meets the requirements for conducting a preliminary assessment of site conditions for BRAC sites through a review of records and other information to determine if a release occurred and to identify appropriate additional investigations or actions. She explained the categories developed by the Department of Defense to identify the condition of the property in relation to a potential or documented release of hazardous substances. Ms. Snodgrass presented the preliminary results from the EBSs, indicating that they are subject to review and could change. Due to the limited amount of data available, however, most BRAC sites probably will require more evaluation.

Mr. Patrick discussed the next step in the remedial action process -- the Site Investigation (sometimes called a Site Inspection). The goal of this phase is to determine that a release occurred and to identify threats associated with the release. The Navy estimates that a draft SI report will be ready for issue during the summer of 1997. The Navy has programmed funding for the investigation and cleanup of all its BRAC sites.

Calendar of Meetings for 1997

The RAB agreed to 1997 RAB meeting dates of January 27, March 31, May 19, July 28, September 29 and November 17.

Potential Topics for Next Meeting (January 27, 1996)

The Navy agreed to develop a list of topics from the Keystone Report for RAB consideration at the next meeting. Input from RAB members is requested by December 31, 1996, and will be included in the list of topics.

The next meeting will also include updates for the interim remedial actions, remedial investigations, and BRAC sites. In addition, the Navy will prepare Fact Sheet No. 5 for RAB review and comment before the next RAB meeting. The Navy anticipates that this fact sheet will be ready for public distribution by the next RAB meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Demes adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. and invited members of the public to review the posters and view the Navy video *Installation Restoration: A Navy Pledge to the Future*.